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FOR WALENTYNOWICZ FROM DAVIS

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: CGEN, GR
SUBJECT: TRAVEL ADMINISTRATOR, SCA

REF: STATE 227530

1. WELCOME YOUR PLANNED VISIT TO ATHENS OCTOBER 6 OCTOBER 8. SINGLE ROOM RESERVED AT GRANDE BRETAGNE FOR NIGHTS OCTOBER 6 AND 7. WILL OF COURSE MEET YOU AT AIRPORT.

2. REFTEL STATES YOU ARE SPECIFICALLY INTERESTED IN REVIEWEING OPERATIONS AS RESULTS OF REFUGEE STIUATIONS. WILL APPRECIATE CLARIFICATION AS WE HAVE EXPERIENCED TWO REFUGEE TYPE SITUATIONS DURING PAST SIX MONTHS: (A) AS YOU KNOW DURING SPRING MONTHS ATHENS PROCESSED OVER 2000 AMMENIAN AND ASSYRIAN CHRYSTIAN REFUGEES TRANSFERRED ATHENS BY UNHCR. OVER 10 PERCENT ARE REFUSED STATUS AS REFUGEES BY INS. OF THIS NUMBER APPROXIMATELY 225 REMAINED ATHENS UNDER SPONSORHSIP UNHCR AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES. THEIR PLIGHT WHILE SERIOUS IS NOT OF DIRECT CONCERN TO CONSULAR OPERATIONS AS INELIGIBILITY INS DECISION RATHER THAN VISA UNIT.

(B) SECOND REFUGEE PROBLEM (IF YOU WISH TO USE THIS TERM) RELATES TO LEBANESE CURRENTLY IN ATHENS SEEKING ADMITTANCE TO THE US AS NONIMMIGRANTS OR IMMIGRANTS. THIS CATEGORY IS EFFECTING OUR VISA OPERATIONS AS IT COMPRISES APPROXIMATELY FORTY PERCENT OF OUR CURRENT VISA WORKLOAD.

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3. BASED ON YOUR CLAIRIFICATION CONCERNING WHICH GOUP OR BOTH

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YOU ARE INTERESTED IN I WILL SET UP APPROPRIATE MEETING.

4. HOPE THAT DURING YOUR VISIT YOU WILL PLAN TO BE OUR GUEST FOR DINNER EVENING OF OCTOBER 6 AND AT AN EVENING RECEPTION WE WILL BE OFFERING OCTOBER 7. ANTICIPATED GUESTS AT RECEPTION WILL INCLUDE REPRESENTATIVES OF VOLUNTARY AGENCIES, UNHCR, AND FOREIGN CONSULS.
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